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SUBJ: TUNISIANS ACQUIRING BRITISH "BLOW-PIPE"

AA MISSILE

1. TUNISIAN DEFENSE MINISTER ABDALLAH FARHAT TOLD ME
NOV. 17 THAT, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO UK TO ACCEPT TWO
NEW PATROL CRAFT FOR TUNISIAN NAVY, HE REACHED AGREEMENT
WITH HMG TO OBTAIN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF BLOW-PIPE AA MISSILES.
I IMMEDIATELY EXPRESSED MY PLEASURE OVER THIS ARRANGEMENT AND
TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT BLOW-PIPE WAS
VIRTUALLY THE EQUIVALENT OF THE U.S. REDEYE (WHICH WE HAVE
BEEN OBLIGED TO DENY TO GOT DESPITE YEARS OF IMPORTUNINGS).
FARHAT TOLD ME THAT HE WAS SATISFIED THAT THIS WOULD MEET
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TUNISIA'S IMMEDIATE AA NEEDS AND WOULD NOW MAKE IT
UNNECESSARY TO ACCEPT CONSTANT OFFERS FROM SOVS OF SAM-7.
HE REITERATED THAT IT IS GOT POLICY NOT TO BUY ANY
RPT ANY OF ITS MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM SOVIET SOURCES.

2. COMMENT: WHEN MY EFFORTS LAST SPRING TO OBTAIN A
CHANGE IN US REDEYE POLICY IN FAVOR OF TUNISIA AGAIN FAILED,

I HAD SUGGESTED TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR THE POSSIBILITY OF
SELLING BLOW-PIPE TO GOT. AFTER CHECKING WITH LONDON
AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HMG HAD THE SAME SECURITY RESTRICTIONS
ON BLOW-PIPE AS WE DID UPON REDEYE. HMG EVIDENTLY
FINDS THE TUNISIANS MORE TRUSTWORTHY THAN WE.
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